

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 7-9, 10-20, 23-28 and 38 are pending upon entry of the present amendments. To expedite prosecution without acquiescing to the Office's restriction of non-elected species, the claims have been amended to exclude heterocyclic and heteroaryl substituents. Applicant submits that claims 10-15 were incorrectly withdrawn as allegedly non-elected subject matter, and that these claims properly fall within the scope of claim 1. New claim 38 has been added, which is supported in the specification at pages 15-34. The amendments do not contain new matter. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 21, 22 and 26 have been canceled without prejudice.

The claims have been amended to exclude non-elected subject matter and to correct informalities. Thus, Applicant requests that the claim objections be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 4, 7-9, 16-20 and 23-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The claims have been amended to delete the objected terms. Accordingly, the claims are enabled.

Claims 26 and 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. Claim 26 has been canceled, rendering this rejection moot as to this claim. New claim 38 covers specific compounds falling within claim 1, and is definite. As amended, claim 28 depends upon new claim 38. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

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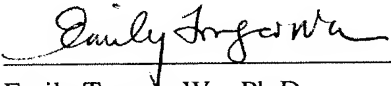
Conclusion

In summary, the claims have been amended to obviate the rejections, and Applicant requests that claims 1, 4, 7-9, 10-20, 23-28 and 38 be passed to issue. Once the product claims are found allowable, withdrawn method claims 29-37, which are commensurate in scope with the allowed product claims must be rejoined (M.P.E.P. § 821.04).

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at (858) 812-1539. **Prior to issuance of a final Office Action, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner.**

In the event that the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-1885 referencing docket No. P1095US10.

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